

Def. Doc. No. 3067.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al )

- vs - )

ARAKI, Sadao, et al )

AFFIDAVIT OF  
MAZAKI

Mr. MAZAKI's Affidavit (In refutation of Exhibits Nos.  
3769, 3770 and 3777)

1. I was Vice-Chief of the General Staff from January, 1932 to June, 1933, and Inspector-General of Military Education from January, 1934 to July, 1935.
2. I was shown Exhibit No. 3777, an excerpt from HARADA's memoirs which says that Premier OKADA at that time told Mr. HARADA that ARAKI and I advocated annexation of Manchuria from the first. This is not so and is a misrepresentation. The account also says that 1st Division Commander YAMAGATA was engaged at the official residence of the Minister of War. The War Minister in those days was not ARAKI, but Gen. HAYASHI.
3. I don't know on what basis Mr. OKADA told such a thing or why Mr. HARADA misunderstood us and wrote such a thing. ARAKI, YAMAGATA and I were absolutely opposed to any aggression or annexation from our very ideology. When ARAKI was Minister of War, I Vice-Chief of Staff and YAMAGATA Vice-Minister of War, active militarism was advocated in some quarters of society. We regretted this and vigorously opposed it as much as possible.
4. I also read Exhibits No. 3769 and excerpt from HARADA's memoirs, where he said that freedom of speech was repressed because of the pressure of the Army. It is true that some of the lowest officers of the Army were extremely nervous of public opinion, but ARAKI himself favored freedom of speech. Being Vice-Chief of the General Staff I was clearly in a position to know this fact as ARAKI and I often discussed this principle and I also had an opportunity to observe his execution of this (ARAKI's principle) notably his leniency and tolerance toward those who spoke ill of him personally.

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On this 30 day of January 1948

At SETA-GA-YA, SETA-GA-YA-KU,  
TOKYO, JAPAN.

DEPONENT: Jinsaburo MIZUKI

I, Yutaka SUGAHARA, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date

At the same place.

Witness (signed) SUGAHARA, Yutaka (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Jinsaburo MIZUKI (seal)

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Exh, NO,

極東國際軍事裁判所

亞米利加合衆國 其他

荒木 貞夫 其他

官署供進書

供進者 眞崎 三郎

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一 私は昭和七年一月より同八年六月まで参謀次長昭和九年一月より

十年七月まで教育総監でありました

二 私は法廷第三七七七號原田日記の一篇なるものを示されました  
それによると當時の同田は理が原田氏に私及荒木等最初より清洲所  
を参り考だといふて居ります之れは間違つて居ります記事にある例  
川第一師團長が参謀大臣官邸に詰めかけて居ると書いてあります

三 同田氏が何を基として話したか又原田君が如何に誤解して記述  
したか知りませんが私始め荒木も柳川も何れも大それた妄言だの

併答だのといふ事には平素の理念から同田に反論し荒木が参謀大  
臣私が参謀次長柳川が参謀次官の時も何もすれば世間には武力で

その理も出るのを遺憾とし武力之に反論して來たのです

四 又原田日記法廷第三七六九 三七七〇も見ましたが草紙の末刻の  
所には「理の尖鋭化して居た所もありませうが荒木の言を自由

に任せ正しき實行にて可否を示せとの論者で悪口や反對を言はれても會て之れに干渉したことはありません寧ろ第三者が國がゆいと思ふた位でありました

私は又原田日記からの摘萃法廷證三七六九一に原田が軍部の抑壓の爲言論の自由が壓迫されたと書いてあるのを讀みました一部下級の將校中には輿論に對して時に神經が尖鋭化して居るものもあつた事は事實ですが荒木自身は言論の自由に贊成でありましたか

私は參謀次長であり荒木と此の問題に就ては幾々話し合ひましたから此う云ふ事は良く居る立場にあつたのです

私は亦荒木が之れを實行し殊に彼自身の悪口を云つた者に對して寛大な雅量で以て接して居るのを見た事があります

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昭和二十三年（一九四八年）一月三十日 於

供 述 者 眞 崎 基 三 郎

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同 日 於 同 所

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